

Twin Peaks Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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Our enforcement plan is to provide a local law enforcement presence on the extensive OHV trail systems in our area and to continue to work with and augment the Forest Service. Routine patrol would occur year-round, but would mostly occur during our peak times – weekends during the non-winter months in addition to the major holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day, where we see a large influx of OHV enthusiasts to our mountain communities. In addition to state vehicle code laws, we also enforce county ordinances that are directly or indirectly related to off-highway vehicles. Enforcement would also be directed towards illegal riding areas throughout our mountain communities, including non-motorized recreational trails including, but not limited to, the Pacific Coast Trail which traverses through our jurisdiction. Assigned deputies will assist U.S. Forest Service personnel in conducting vehicle stops on violators, taking criminal reports, maintaining crowd control and assisting OHV enthusiasts with typical recreational questions.

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seating capacity of a UTV will allow us the option of fielding multiple personnel in one patrol unit, the ability to transport additional equipment and the capability to rescue injured, ill or lost riders and/or hikers.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Sheriff's Department's Twin Peaks Station has the responsibility to provide law enforcement service to a jurisdiction consisting of approximately 340 square miles. Much of this area is either surrounded by or encompassed within the San Bernardino National Forest and its extensive network of off-road trails. Most of our communities either border against, or contain a network of off-road trails. Some of the communities we serve are Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, Crestline, Fredalba, Arrowbear, Green Valley Lake, Cedar Glen, Sky Forest, Rim Forest, Blue Jay, Twin Peaks, Valley of Enchantment, Cedarpines Park and Silverwood Lake.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Part of the Twin Peaks Sheriff Station's 2010 OHV operations plan is to patrol the legal OHV trails located within the jurisdictional area of the Twin Peaks Station. The OHV Team will conduct OHV patrols throughout the mountain communities and forest service areas during major holiday weekends, such as Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

In addition to major holiday weekends, the Twin Peaks OHV Team plans to conduct OHV patrols in the areas surrounding our local communities with a frequency of 2-3 times a month, weather permitting, where we will be specifically targeting illegal riding, trespassing and illegal intrusions into U.S. Forestry areas. We will also use these patrols to further educate the public in regards to the responsible use of the forest and OHV trail system and address any OHV concerns occurring on county lands.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The Twin Peaks OHV Team will generally utilize a supervisor (sergeant or corporal) and two deputy sheriffs to provide law enforcement coverage and, if needed, assistance to U.S. Forestry Service personnel, on a monthly basis, weather permitting. With the deputies patrolling the legal riding areas from four-wheel drive UTV's and/or ATV's, the supervisor will simultaneously provide support and supervision from a four-wheel drive patrol jeep. With the supervisor in a street-legal off-road vehicle, they will be able to target the "garage rider" who enters legal riding areas by illegal means, such as public roadways and from private property.

Some members of the Twin Peaks OHV Team will be cross-trained in search and rescue and will become part of our station's search and rescue response matrix. In the event of an emergency, and when practical and appropriate, OHV patrol personnel will be utilized in attempts to locate potential victims and direct emergency medical personnel to their location by land or air.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The communities of Lake Arrowhead, Valley of Enchantment and Running Springs are populated residential areas where many calls for service are generated. The usual calls for service involve illegal riding activity on public roadways and private property trespassing incidents. This activity creates a dust and noise problem for local residents and public safety concerns due to reckless driving.

During large holiday weekends the communities and surrounding areas of Lake Arrowhead and Running Springs experience an extremely large influx of visitors. During these weekends, there is a significant increase in OHV activity throughout area, hence, a need for increased OHV patrol operations.

The Pinnacles staging area just north of Lake Arrowhead is located within our jurisdiction and is extremely active with OHV activity. It is centrally located to most of the designated OHV trails within the Twin Peaks jurisdiction.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

By patrolling legal riding areas and educating and enforcing state and local laws, our proposed project will have a positive impact on OHV recreation by preserving local riding opportunities and deterring illegal riding activities in and around our local communities. This will have a direct effect in helping to maintain a balance between the interests of the OHV enthusiast, the health of the surrounding wilderness and forest and the local citizens affected by nuisance OHV activity. By promoting, and if necessary, enforcing responsible OHV recreation, we will help maintain current off-highway access to non-motorized recreation areas, such as, but not limited to, the Pacific Crest Trail.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Twin Peaks Station OHV Team will work with U.S. Forest Service personnel assigned to patrol the Forestry areas located within and around the Twin Peaks patrol area. Our two agencies have coordinated in the past and will continue to work together on OHV enforcement operations and other criminal activities occurring within the San Bernardino National Forest.

The Twin Peaks Station OHV Team also plans to conduct joint OHV operations with California State Park Rangers in and around the Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area. Most of the Silverwood Lake SRA lies within the Twin Peaks Station's jurisdiction. Our agencies continue to coordinate law enforcement responses within the park.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

Explain

The Twin Peaks OHV program does not receive any funding associated with any sponsored events.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

All members of the Twin Peaks OHV team have received, or will receive, training from a certified ATV/quad instructor. Members of the team are, and will continue to be, trained in regards to the principles of the "Tread Lightly" program. In-service training emphasizes the importance of enforcing the law and educating OHV enthusiasts. The Twin Peaks OHV Team's mission is to ensure public safety, gain compliance through education and enforcement, sustain legal OHV recreation opportunities and the preservation of natural resources.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
The Twin Peaks OHV team will use state laws and county ordinances as primary enforcement codes during off-highway vehicle enforcement on federal and county lands.
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
OHV in-lieu of tax funds are currently being used exclusively by San Bernardino County Parks and Recreation. The use of these fees do not complement this project.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
We do not manage OHV recreation facilities.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department				
PROJECT TITLE :	Twin Peaks Law Enforcement (FINAL)			PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-15-L03
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration				
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	100.000	75.730	HRS	1,893.25	5,679.75	7,573.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	300.000	59.290	HRS	4,446.75	13,340.25	17,787.00
	Other-Reserve Deputy	50.000	27.130	HRS	1,017.75	339.25	1,357.00
	Total for Staff				7,357.75	19,359.25	26,717.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-ATV Snow-track Kit Notes : ATV Snow-track Kit - Allows for an ATV to be easily configured from tire-driven to a snow-track driven application. Areas of our jurisdiction receive upwards of 135-150" of annual snowfall. Snow-track kits would give us year-round capabilities for OHV patrols and would significantly increase our abilities for search & rescue and other emergency responses.	2.000	3800.000	EA	5,600.00	2,000.00	7,600.00
	Other-Laptop Computer Notes : Laptop Computer - An extreme duty laptop, to be used primarily at our trailer/command post during OHV operations for computer records checks, the preparation of criminal and	1.000	4000.000	EA	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00

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<p>administrative reports, access to online department resources and computer-aided dispatch. Could also be taken out into the field to assist with OHV patrol or search and rescue operations if necessary.</p> <p>It would also be used for administrative functions related to the management of the OHV program.</p>						
<p>Other-Alternate Duty Belt</p> <p>Notes : Alternate Duty Belts - Current department-issued duty belts are partially or completely made of leather. Due to riding conditions in our area (wet and muddy at times), the leather gear is difficult to keep professional-looking when subjected to typical off-road activities, becoming easily scratched and scuffed and difficult to clean. An alternate duty belt, holster, magazine pouch, handcuff case, etc., would allow for a more serviceable and practical option for the carrying of safety equipment and weapons systems.</p>	10.000	400.000	EA	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
<p>Other-Tactical Vest Carrier</p> <p>Notes : Tactical Vest Carrier - Will enable a deputy to move some of his safety equipment from his waist area/duty belt to his vest, allowing for close configuration seating inside of a UTV and for a smoother, safer egress from inside the vehicle. The vests will also allow for the deputy to be more identifiable to the public with increased opportunities for the placement of department insignias. The deputies will be able to place their department-issued ballistic panels inside the vest carrier.</p>	10.000	150.000	EA	1,125.00	375.00	1,500.00
<p>Other-Riding Jersey</p> <p>Notes : Riding Jerseys - Due to riding conditions in our area, current department uniform tops are proving impractical and difficult to keep clean. A solid neutral-colored purpose-built jersey, used in conjunction with a vest carrier, will provide a practical and functional alternative to our current uniform options.</p>	12.000	75.000	EA	675.00	225.00	900.00

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	Total for Materials / Supplies				13,400.00	4,600.00	18,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Fuel for a patrol jeep, two ATV's, two UTV's and our trailer generator. Also for periodic scheduled maintenance, cleaning and minor repairs to all grant-funded equipment, including but not limited to; tires, wiper blades, bulbs, belts, fluids, etc.	1.000	4000.000	EA	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Four-seat UTV Notes : Includes tax, license, fees, delivery & assembly. Includes the following accessories: Canvas cab and windshield, Canvas roof, rear net, winch, front & rear brush guard, skid plates, rear cargo box, lights and seat covers.	1.000	22000.000	EA	16,500.00	5,500.00	22,000.00
	Other-Two-seat UTV Notes : Includes tax, license, fees, delivery & assembly. Includes the following accessories: Canvas cab and windshield, Canvas roof, rear net, winch, front & rear brush guard, skid plates, rear cargo box, lights and seat covers.	1.000	18000.000	EA	13,500.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
	Other-Four-door 4x4 Vehicle Notes : Includes tax, license, fees, delivery & assembly. Includes the following accessories: Lightbar, weapons mount, cage, and spotlights.	1.000	50000.000	EA	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				80,000.00	10,000.00	90,000.00
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs	5000.000	1.000	EA	4,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Program Expenses				107,757.75	35,959.25	143,717.00

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3	Materials / Supplies	13,400.00	4,600.00	18,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	80,000.00	10,000.00	90,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	4,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		107,757.75	35,959.25	143,717.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment